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### **Soldier Earns Defense Meritorious Service Medal for combat action in Iraq**

MILFORD, Mass – Massachusetts Army National Guardsman, Lt. Col. Gerard Fridmann, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal for combat action in Iraq by Lt. Gen. Michael Maples, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA).

Lt. Col. Fridmann served 32 months in Iraq during three consecutive combat tours with DIA. He initially performed as the Transition Officer of DIA's Iraq Survey Group, the organization that searched for evidence of Saddam Hussein's weapons of mass destruction and former regime crimes. Lt. Col. Fridmann was then appointed Deputy Chief of DIA's Defense Intelligence Support Office-Iraq helping oversee all DIA personnel, assets and ensuring uninterrupted mission support at numerous sites throughout the Operation Iraqi Freedom and Central Command combat zone areas. Lt. Col. Fridmann is a standardization instructor pilot and instrument flight examiner with over 3,000 hours in Army helicopters. He is currently assigned Special Projects at Joint Force Headquarters, Massachusetts National Guard.

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